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SUBJECT: SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR AMELIORATING PRISONER PROBLEM

REF: STATE 267921 AND MONTERREY 0972

1. WHILE WE AT THIS POST ARE CONVINCED THAT THROUGH OUR OWN AND THE EMBASSY'S EFFORTS MUCH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON THE CONSULAR NOTIFICATION PROBLEM, REGRETABLY LESS PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON THE MALTREATMENT OF AMERICAN PRISONERS PROBLEM. WE BELIEVE MALTREATMENT DURING INTERROGATIONS WILL CONTINUE SO LONG AS POLICE INTERROGATORS RESORTING TO THIS PRACTICE GO UNPUNISHED.

SINCE SUCH PUNISHMENT NOT LIKELY RESULT FROM CONSTITUENT POSTS' PROTESTS OR ANY LOCAL INVESTIGATIONS RESULTING THEREFROM, WE BELIEVE EMBASSY SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON TWO OR THREE WELL-SUBSTANTIATED CASES AND INSIST AT FEDERAL LEVEL THAT GUILTY OFFICIALS BE PUNISHED. PUNISHMENT WOULD BE AN EARNEST (#) OF GOMS GOOD INTENTIONS AND RELATED PUBLICITY WOULD HAVE GREATER DETERRENT EFFECT ON FUTURE WOULD-BE TORTURERS THAN WOULD SEVERAL DOZEN UNANSWERED OR UNACTED UPON PROTEST LETTERS OR FORMAL NOTES. OFFICERS AT THIS POST KNOW OF NO MEXICAN OFFICIAL YET PUNISHED FOR MALTREATMENT OF U.S. PRISONERS, THOUGH WE ARE NOW HOPEFUL OF SOME ACTION IN THE HUNT/MCCARTHY CASE (SEE MONTERREY'S 0964 OF DECEMBER 15).

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2. WE ARE OPPOSED TO ANY RESORT TO THREATS, BOYCOTTS

OR SANCTIONS IN ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE PRISONERS' LOT
SINCE WE BELIEVE SUCH MEASURES WOULD PROBABLY BE
COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE THROUGH BACKLASH EFFECT. RATHER WE BELIEVE BEST
APPROACH IS THROUGH CLOSE PERSONAL CONTACT ON ALL LEVELS,
CONTINUALLY REPEATING THAT WE IN NO WAY MEAN TO INTERFERE
IN THE MEXICAN JUDICIAL PROCESS BUT ARE ONLY PRESSING
FOR RIGHTS GUARANTEED UNDER THE MEXICAN CONSTITUTION AND
VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL AND BILATERAL CONVENTIONS TO WHICH MEXICO
IS SIGNATORY. PLAYING ON MEXICAN PRIDE AND SENSE OF FAIR PLAY
WILL PROBABLY IN LONG RUN HAVE MORE BENEFICIAL RESULTS THAN
ANY TYPE OF BULLYING TACTICS.

3. GOM OFFICIALS OUR DISTRICT ARE BECOMING AWARE
GROWING CONCERN IN U.S. FOR AMERICAN PRISONERS. OFFICIALS,
RANGING FROM JUDGES AND MAYORS TO PRISON DIRECTORS, ARE
MORE CORDIAL AND RECEPTIVE TO COMPLAINTS THAN PREVIOUSLY AND
ACTION IS NOW PROMPTER AND MORE EFFECTIVE. WE BELIEVE THIS LESS
DUE TO LIMITED LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE THAN TO OUR OWN
CONTINUOUS HAMMERING AWAY AT SAME OFFICIALS WITH SAME THEMES.
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NOTE BY OC/T: (#) APPARENT OMISSION, CORRECTION TO FOLLOW.

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